ABSTRACT WA-I-211 Lehman's Mill House Hagerstown Vicinity private

19th Century

This two story, eight bay, roughcast limestone farmhouse is the dwelling associated with the Lehman's or Marsh Mills which have been in existence since the 18th century. The house which appears to have been built in several sections has been in the Lehman family since 1853. It reflects Washington County's rural building traditions, particularly in the use of the native limestone as the construction material, and like many houses in the area grew over the years according to family needs. The oldest part of the house is believed to date from the early 19th century.

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This house is located on the north side of Lehman's Mill Road at Lehman's Mill near Reid in Washington County, Maryland. It is situated on an area of level ground and faces south.

The dwelling is a two story, eight bay stone structure sheathed with rough cast or stucco. The coating of stucco has been incised with vertical and horizontal lines to give the appearance of uniformly cut block construction. In areas where the surface has fallen away walls of coursed local limestone can be seen. The eastern four bays of the house are recessed beneath a double porch which is included under the main roof span. Small frame additions are attached to the east end.

Openings appear to be evenly spaced in the front elevation. Narrow rounded window frames are used in the west half of the house. Nine over six pane double hung sashes are present at the first story level. Although upper story windows of the western part of the house have similar framing, they are considerably narrower and shorter than those below. Most of these upper windows have late 19th century two over two pane sashes. One second story window at the rear of the house has a nine over six sash.

In the eastern half of the house, window frames are narrow with flat surfaces finished with a bead at the inside edge. Their size appears to be uniform and they hold six over six pane sashes. Some windows have hinge pins, evidence of their having had shutters.

The main entrance is located in the second bay from the west end of the south elevation. It appears to have framing similar to that of the windows and includes a transom. A one bay hip-roofed entrance porch shelters the door. Just east of this entrance is a wooden bulkhead leading to the cellar. Doors are located in the two center bays of the eastern section at both the first and second story levels. These entrances have paneled jambs and are without transoms.

The double porch along the front elevation of the east section is supported by square posts which are chamfered above the railings. Rounded scroll-cut trim work is suspended from the eaves. The porch at both levels is enclosed with a balustrade of small square wooden pieces arranged diagonally and vertically to form a diamond or lattice work pattern.

The roof is covered with slates and extends beyond the end walls of the house. Except for the porch area the eaves are finished with plain boxing.

The house is in fair condition and stands on a tract containing 89.87 acres, part of "Spriggs' Paradise."

•	SPECIFIC DAT	ES	BUILDER/ARCHITECT		
	_1900-	COMMUNICATIONS	INDUSTRY	POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	TRANSPORTATIONOTHER (SPECIFY)
	1700-1799 X_1800-1899	—ART	ENGINEERING EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	MUSIC PHILOSOPHY	THEATER
	_1600-1699	X ARCHITECTURE	EDUCATION	MILITARY	_SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
	1500-1599	X AGRICULTURE	_ECONOMICS	LITERATURE	SCULPTURE
	_PREHISTORIC 1400-1499	_ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC _ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	COMMUNITY PLANNINGCONSERVATION	_LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTÜRE _LAW	RELIGION SCIENCE
•	PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW		•	

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This two story, eight bay, roughcast limestone farmhouse is the dwelling associated with the Lehman's or Marsh Mills which have been in existence since the 18th century. The house which appears to have been built in several sections has been in the Lehman family since 1853. It reflects Washington County's rural building traditions, particularly in the use of the native limestone as the construction material, and like many houses in the area grew over the years according to family needs. The oldest part of the house is believed to date from the early 19th century, ca. 1819, according to a member of the Lehman family. This early part would seem to be the western four bays which are said by a local historian originally to have been only one story in height. The disproportionate size of the second story windows in the west half of the house would tend to support the suggestion that the main appear levels were not built at the same time. The exterior treatment of the eastern four bays is of a type associated with the middle years of the 19th century. A large service fireplace and a vaulted room are said to be in the cellar of this house.

The dwelling and mill are located on land which was during the late 18th and early 19th centuries part of a large tract of 1,754 acres known as "Spriggs' Paradise." At the death of Thomas Spriggs in 1809, the property was divided among his three children. His daughter, Mariah, who later married Dr. John Reynolds, acquired 512 acres, the northernmost part of Spriggs Paradise. In 1828, John and Mariah Reynolds mortgaged the 512 acres which included the mill farm (KK/67). In 1832 the farm was bought by Joseph Emmert (MM/897) who in turn sold it to David Brumbaugh in 1846 (IN10/152). Jacob Lehman purchased the farm in 1853 and the mill in 1854. The property has descended through the Lehman family to the present (LBN2/458, 126/303).

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 89.87 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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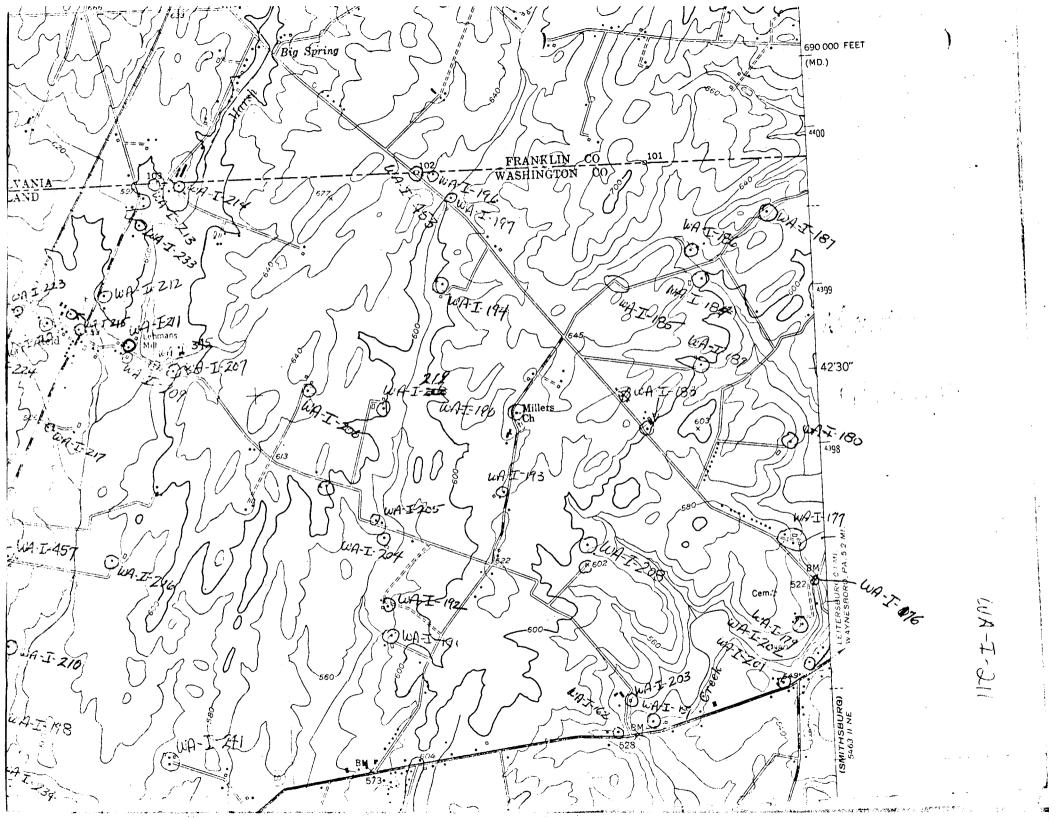
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